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## FREE USE FUELWOOD AUTHORIZATION – Rio Grande National Forest

**Authorization expires 12:00 am December 31, 2020**

This document serves as your free-use authorization for the removal of up to a maximum of 20 cords of fuelwood from Rio Grande National Forest lands during calendar year 2020. This authorization must be in your possession while transporting fuelwood collected from the Rio Grande National Forest. Your possession of this document affirms your agreement to comply with all terms and conditions on the second page.

Prior to leaving the Rio Grande National Forest with any fuelwood collected under this authorization, the date, time, and quantity of fuelwood must be recorded in the format depicted in the table below. This documentation must be in possession while transporting fuelwood and must be made available to law enforcement personnel upon request.

Date and Time of Removal	Quantity Removed (Cords)

This authorization expires at 12:00 a.m. on December 31, 2020. After this date, this free-use authorization will no longer be valid.

Thank you for your patience and understanding as we protect the safety of employees and the community, while continuing to serve the public. If you have any questions about this authorization, please contact any one of our offices at the following numbers:

- **Saguache Ranger District** at 719-480-1402
- **Divide Ranger District** at 719-850-2374
- **Forest Supervisor's Office** at 719-480-3364
- **Conejos Peak Ranger District** at 719-480-9892

Authorized by Dan Dallas, Rio Grande National Forest Supervisor



## **Rio Grande National Forest Free-use Firewood Term & Conditions**

- Stay off closed roads and roads with wet surfaces
- All forest use laws remain in effect. At no time is any damage to the resource allowed
- Report users damaging forest resources to our offices
- Cut firewood only within 300 feet of an open road
- Cut dead trees only and leave stumps less than 8 inches high
- Wood larger than 7 inches in diameter must be cut in 6-foot lengths or less
- Scatter slash to avoid heavy fuel build-up
- Activities that are prohibited:
  - Using heavy equipment, such as skid steers, skidders, etc.
  - Yarding or skidding systems in excess of 100 feet
  - Vehicles driven more than 300 feet off roadways to gather firewood
- Cutting or removing firewood is prohibited in the following areas:
  - Timber Sale Area or contract area posted with signs
  - Campgrounds, picnic areas, resorts or recreation areas
  - Within 100 feet of stream courses, wet areas and bodies of water
- Firewood gathered under free use areas MAY NOT BE RESOLD
  - If you would like to sell firewood, please contact one of the Rio Grande National Forest offices for information on how to obtain the proper permit.